

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: (Divisional of U.S. Serial  
No. 09/192,303, filed Nov. 17, 1998)

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

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For: PORTABLE COMMUNICATION  
APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/192,303 (Confirmation Number not yet  
assigned) filed November 17, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

14. (New) A portable communication apparatus having a display section and a key  
operation section on one side of a housing, the key operation section comprising:

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